FSSSSSHHH

Episode 18: What Should I Do Now?

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE ONLY ONE NOT CARRYING A PACK?!

IS IT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?!

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DAMN ...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BEHIND!

WHAT'S WRONG, ARLERT?

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GIVE ME THAT, ARMIN!

REINER...

HOIST

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SHIT...

HA...

AT LEAST UNTIL I CHANGE MY MIND!

MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET CAUGHT...!

...THEN YOU'LL FAIL, TOO!

B-BUT IF YOU HELP ME...

AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL FAIL!

REINER BRAUN... HE'S STRONG AS AN OX AND HAS THE WILL TO MATCH.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, HE'S EARNED THE TRUST OF HIS COMRADES.

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GRAB

WHA ...?! HEY!

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EVEN IF I DIE TRY-ING!

I WON'T BE A BURDEN!

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ARMIN ARLERT... WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL STRENGTH, HE DOESN'T MEASURE UP TO SOLDIER STANDARDS.

BUT I HEAR THAT IN THE CLASSROOM LECTURES, HE'S SHOWN EXTRA-ORDINARY IMAGINATION.

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IF HE ACQUIRED A SENSE OF DIRECTION...

OR PERHAPS...

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ANNIE AND BERTOLT GOT IT AGAIN...

SKRKCH
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BERTOLT HOOVER... HE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE SKILL THAT'S BEEN TAUGHT... AND I BELIEVE HE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL...

...BUT HE LACKS DRIVE AND TENDS TO LEAVE DECISIONS TO OTHERS.

ANNIE LEONHART... THE ANGLE OF APPROACH OF HER SLASHING ATTACK IS IMPECCABLE... SHE CARVES DEEPLY INTO THE TARGET.

PERSONALITY-WISE, SHE TENDS TO BE A LONER AND HAS TROUBLE COOPERATING.

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...I'LL HAVE TO EARN POINTS BY FINDING THE "TITANS" FIRST!

AT THIS RATE ...

I CAN'T CUT AS DEEP AS HER...

I'LL BE THE ONE IN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE!

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FOUND ONE ...

JEAN KIRSTEIN... HE HAS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT AND EXCELS AT EXPLOITING THAT SKILL...

HE CAN ALSO TAKE IN A SITUATION AT A MOMENT'S GLANCE, BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS LIKE A DRAWN SWORD, WHICH TENDS TO CREATE CONFLICT.

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THIS TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE TO...

TAILING HIM WAS A GOOD IDEA!

THAT BAS-TARD ...

CON-NIE!!

CONNIE SPRINGER... HE HAS A FINE SENSE OF BALANCE AND IS EFFECTIVE AT VERTICAL MANEUVERING.

HOWEVER, HE'S GOT A SLOW MIND AND OFTEN MAKES STRATEGIC MISTAKES.

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THANKS, JEAN!

THAK

WHA ...?!

SASHA !!

GOT IT!!

WHOOSH

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FOLLOWING YOU FROM ABOVE PAID OFF, CONNIE!

WHAT THE HELL ?!

WHOOSH

SASHA BLOUSE... SHE MOVES QUICKLY AND HAS REMARKABLE INSTINCTS...

...BUT SHE HAS ISSUES WITH STRUCTURE, MAKING HER ILL-SUITED FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY.

YEAH, SASHA! QUIT FOLLOW-ING US!

DAMN IT! QUIT FOLLOWING ME!

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SHUDDER
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HERE THEY COME.
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MIKASA ACKERMAN... SHE'S MASTERED EVERY SINGLE DIFFICULT SUBJECT PERFECTLY.

HER TALENT IS HISTORICALLY UNPRECEDENTED, MAKING HER THE MOST VALUABLE OF THEM ALL.

EREN YEAGER... THOUGH PROFICIENT AT BAREHANDED FIGHTING, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY OTHER SKILLS...

...BUT HE POSSESSES A SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT'S TWICE AS STRONG AS ANYONE ELSE'S. THROUGH CONSTANT EFFORT, HIS GRADES HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED.

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CRAP ...

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THAT WAS DIRTY, YOU JERKS.

IS THERE A RULE AGAINST STEALING SOMEBODY ELSE'S PREY?

I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A WHINER, JEAN.

DIRTY ?

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I FOUND THE TARGET FIRST...

OH, WELL... AT LEAST NOBODY GOT HURT DURING THE TEST.

PFFT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HUNTING THEIR WHOLE LIVES!

YEAH! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR LETTING US GET TO IT!

EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND THE TARGET FIRST, IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE YOU LET OTHER PEOPLE SCORE THE POINTS...

HEY, MARCO?

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MMM...

DON'T YOU WANT POINTS?

YOU WANNA GET INTO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, RIGHT?

...BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT ACTUAL FIGHTING.

I THINK COMPETI-TION IS NECESSARY IN THE GROUP TO RAISE OUR SKILL LEVELS...

...EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

AND EVEN THOUGH I'VE WANTED TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

EVEN THOUGH THAT'S POINTLESS IN A TEST THAT MEASURES OUR ABILITY TO KILL...

I'M THE SLOWEST ONE HERE, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD ATTRACT THE TITAN'S ATTENTION AND LET THE OTHERS TAKE THEM DOWN FROM BEHIND.

HUH ?

I SEE... IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A NATURAL LEADER.

I'D WANNA BE IN A SQUAD THAT YOU WERE LEADING.

THAT KIND OF EFFICIENT THINKING AND QUICK-WITTEDNESS...

I THINK IT SUITS YOU.

YOU THINK ...?

Y ...

I WANNA BE IN MARCO'S SQUAD, TOO.

I HAVE A FEELING I'D SURVIVE THAT WAY.

HOLD ON...

THEN I THINK I'D BE DEAD WITHIN 10 SECONDS...

IN ANY CASE, I'D WANT TO AVOID BEING IN A SQUAD WITH A SUICIDAL BLOCKHEAD.

I'D JUMP ON THE MARCO BANDWAGON.

A SQUAD FOR A HYPO-THETICAL RAID ON TROST DIS-TRICT?

OH, JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND CONFESS YOUR LOVE ALREADY, JEAN.

BLOCK HEAD?

OKAY, OKAY, YOU TWO.

TAKE A WILD GUESS.

JUST WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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AHHH... I'M WORN OUT...

...YOU SHUT UP TOO, CONNIE.

HEY, JEAN? I DON'T REMEMBER LEARNING A MOVE CALLED SUICIDAL BLOCK HEAD...

?! ...I THOUGHT EVERYBODY HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!

SHUT IT, POTATO GIRL...

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I'M NOT BRAVE IN THE LEAST.

ME? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

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JEAN, I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER THAN ME.

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MMM ...

CHFF

WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

CHFF

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

... HEY.

IS THAT...

...MARCO?

TRAINEE, DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?

...

I WASN'T GONNA LOOK...

... BUT ...

...TO HIM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HAP-PENED...

... MARCO ...

WHAT HAP-PENED?

...SEE WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?

ANY-BODY ...

SOME-BODY ...

S...

IF YOU KNOW IT, ANSWER ME RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

...TRAINEE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE WALL WAS PLUGGED UP WITH THE ROCK.

AT THIS RATE, THERE'S A RISK OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

WE HAVE TO PREVENT A SECONDARY DISASTER.

BUT WE'RE STILL COLLECTING BODIES.

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO MOURN YOUR FALLEN COMRADES.

GOT IT?

LEADER OF 19TH SQUAD ...

MARCO BOTT...

104TH TRAINING CORPS...

LET'S CONTINUE WORKING.

MARCO... IT'S GOOD YOU KNOW HIS NAME.

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

WHAT **IS** THIS...?

...SO ONCE THEY'VE HAD THEIR FILL, THEY UPCHUCK ALL THE BODIES LIKE THIS.

I GUESS THEY DON'T HAVE INTESTINAL TRACTS...

TITAN PUKE...

ULP ...

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL WHO'S WHO LIKE THIS!

SHIT...

... OH GOD ...

I'M SORRY ...

I'M SORRY ...

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...

AFTER ALL THE TRAINING WE DID...

LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THE FUNERAL OVER WITH.

THERE'S NO POINT IN APOLOGIZ-ING.

HORSE-BACK RIDING...

ENDURANCE RUNS...

UNARMED COMBAT...

LECTURES ON STRATEGY...

TECH-NICAL SKILLS...

VERTICAL MANEUVER-ING...

...SO MUCH...

WE DID...

WE WORKED SO HARD...

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WAS IT ALL... FOR NOTHING ...?

CRACKLE

WE ALL REGRET IT.

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HEY... MARCO...

IF WE'D KNOWN WE WERE GOING TO BE DROPPED INTO HELL LIKE THIS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS.

RIGHT NOW, WHEN WE'RE EXHAUSTED AND CAN'T GO ON... THAT'S THE ONLY THING IN OUR HEADS.

...WHICH BONES ARE YOURS.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHO'S NEXT.

IF I HADN'T MET YOU GUYS...

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IF I HADN'T BECOME A SOLDIER...

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I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT, ASSHOLE.

I KNOW I HAVE TO FIGHT...

...THAT YOU'RE GONNA GIVE UP WORKING ON WAYS TO FIGHT THEM?

DO YOU WANNA BE TITAN FOOD SO BAD ...

NOT EVERY-BODY...

BUT I'M NOT GONNA TURN INTO AN IDIOT LIKE YOU...

...BUT JEAN...

DON'T GET MAD WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...

...IS STRONG LIKE YOU.

...SO YOU CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WEAK PEOPLE FEEL.

...YOU'RE NOT A STRONG PERSON...

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

BUT YOU'RE ALSO GOOD AT RECOGNIZING WHAT'S GOING ON AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.

...WHAT THE HELL?

...NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT WAS, I'D DO MY DAMNEDEST TO CARRY IT OUT.

BUT IF I GOT AN ORDER FROM SOMEONE WHO SAW THINGS LIKE I DO...

I MEAN... MOST HUMANS ARE WEAK, INCLUDING ME...

SQUEEZE

WHAT ... ... SHOULD I...

...DO NOW?

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HEY... YOU GUYS...

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...YOU'RE GONNA APPLY TO?

HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY ...

I...

I'VE DE-CIDED.

I'M...

QUIVER QUIVER

...

I'M GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS.

ALL DAY, THE CANNONS FIXED ON THE WALL NEVER STOPPED FIRING.

IT TOOK A FULL DAY TO MOP UP THE REMAINING TITANS WHO'D BEEN SEALED UP INSIDE TROST DISTRICT.

THOSE LEFT AFTER THAT WERE ELIMINATED BY THE SURVEY CORPS.

MOST OF THE TITANS SWARMING AROUND THE WALL WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES...

AND THE LAST TWO TITANS WERE SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED ALIVE.

AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE THREE DAYS YOU WERE IN A COMA...

...

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

EREN...

U-UM ...

...AND CAPTAIN LEVI.

COMMANDER ERWIN...

THE TOP LEADER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

WHERE AM I?

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WE WERE FINALLY GRANTED THE RIGHT TO SEE YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO.

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YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

LET'S JUST SAY YOU'RE IN A DUNGEON, AS YOU CAN SEE.

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NOT ONLY THOSE TWO, BUT ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST.

WE'RE TALK-ING TO THEM.

ALSO... WHERE ARE THE TRAINEES I WAS WITH?!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW?!

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...ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING.

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WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT...

I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU LATER.

YES... IT'S YOURS.

THAT KEY...

YES... OR AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER SAID.

AM I RIGHT ?

...HOLDS THE SECRET OF THE TITANS.

...OF THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE BORN, DR. YEAGER'S HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

THE BASE-MENT...

LEVI... WE'VE ALREADY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO LIE.

THAT'S A VERY CONVE-NIENT STORY...

YOU HAVE AMNESIA, AND YOUR FATHER IS MISSING...

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MY INTEN-TIONS?

...IS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR INTENTIONS.

THERE'S SO MUCH WE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT WHAT I THINK WE SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW...

WE'D NEED YOUR TITAN STRENGTH.

BUT IT WOULD TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO PLUG THE HOLE IN THAT WALL QUICKLY.

TO INVESTIGATE YOUR OLD HOME, WE'D NEED TO TAKE BACK SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT ON WALL MARIA.

PERHAPS THE "COLOSSUS TITAN" AND THE "ARMORED TITAN" ARE THE SAME TYPE AS YOU...

OUR FATE RIDES ON A TITAN, IT SEEMS.

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SHUDDER

THE KEY TO FREEING THE HUMAN RACE FROM THIS DESPAIR.

YOUR WILL IS THE **KEY.**

HEY... ANSWER THE MAN, SCUM.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO DO?

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SHIVER SHIVER

I JUST WANT TO...

...ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS AND KILL TITANS.

NOT BAD...

HUH ...

RATTLE

ERWIN ...

I'LL TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR HIM.

SEND THAT MESSAGE TO THE MUCKY-MUCKS.

TAK TAK

IT'S NOT LIKE I TRUST HIM.

AND IF HE BETRAYS ME OR GOES OUT OF CONTROL, I'LL PUT HIM DOWN IMMEDIATELY.

UPSTAIRS SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT...

...BECAUSE NOBODY BUT ME IS SUITED FOR THE JOB.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL ACCEPT YOU...

...INTO THE SURVEY CORPS.

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